

## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Tuesday, October 6, 2015, 6:00 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

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Present: Selectboard members Laurie Colgan, Chris Martin and Andy Perchlik; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe (arrived at 7 pm); Conservation Commission members Anne Reed and Anne Miller; Stranahan Stewardship Committee member James Brimblecombe

At 6:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Andrew Perchlik

1. Approved agenda with addition of Stranahan Committee/Forest item
2. Approved minutes from 9/1 & 9/15 as presented
3. Business:
  - a. Law enforcement – Sgt LeBlanc Lt Nally from State Police. Had a discussion with the troopers and they answered questions on how a contract with them would work, what the options would be and what kind of reporting the town would get. The Troopers said they would allow the town to do a limited contract for a trial period. The minimum contract amount would be 20/hrs a month for 3 months. SBs said they would discuss it and get back to the State Police with a decision. Following discussion, Andy moved to enter into a 3 month contract for 20 hours per month, to assess the results, and holding a discussion with voters at town meeting. Chris seconded – all in favor.
  - b. The SBs discussed the complaint about the ditching on Ennis Hill Road. Annie Reed and Anne Miller (who lives on the road) gave their opinions on the work. Chris had driven the road before the meeting and didn't see a problem. There was a general discussion on what the road crew needs to do and road regulations. No action taken.
    - i. Chris also said there was a complaint from David Lawrence on Bunker Hill Circle regarding the culvert that dumps road material on his lawn. Chris had went to investigate and the amount of material on the lawn was worse than other times. Chris had spoken to Dan about it and they agreed that the town would clean up the debris and that a new ditch/water run-off plan, that would eliminate the culvert in question, would be built in the spring, as otherwise this will always be a problem and there was no other good way to solve the problem.
  - c. Stranahan/Beaver item. Annie Reed (as chair of the Conservation Commission) and Anne Miller wanted the town to try different methods of dealing with the beavers (anywhere in town where their dams are causing problems with roads/town infrastructure). They say killing the beavers and taking down their dams is expensive and doesn't solve the problem, as new beavers just move in to the area. They were particularly concerned about the beavers in the Stranahan Town Forest that seem to have disappeared (and someone broke apart part of their dam) as they said trapping was not a permitted use in the Town Forest. They gave examples of towns that have installed "beaver deceivers" that allow the beavers to

remain, but let water pass through the dams so that there is not flooding. They said they can work when installed properly and encouraged the town to investigate this option instead of continuing to spend the resources to tear down their dams and trap the beavers. SBs said they would investigate options and Chris said he'd talk to Dan about it, and see if Dan could talk to the road crew of Calais about what they did at Adamant pond. Jim Brimblecombe asked if the Road Crew could do some ditching on the Thompson Road to dry it out so that snow machines can go through and to make it better for hikers, bikers and walkers. The Board approved as long as the cost is paid from the Stranahan fund. The cost would be less than \$1,500.

- d. Holm Salvage yard item was tabled as there was no application or information to address
- e. Walkway around the new bus shelter. SBs discussed complaint about the shelter obstructing the walkway. Andy will talk to Rich Phillips about the final landscaping around the shelter which will include dealing with the path.
- f. Discussed a request to have no-shooting signs at the old gravel pit. No action taken.
- g. VT Alert : Andy went to a presentation about this new system of alerting residents in case of emergencies. Andy will draft a letter to the state, requesting the mandatory training.

**Expenses, Permits & Payroll:** Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the October 6, 2015 Selectboard Meeting.  
A True Record. Attest, \_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

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